



What you should know about
The Initial Uniform Application
for
services to individuals 21 and under
with developmental disabilities

State of New Jersey
Departments of
Human Services
Health and Senior Services
Education

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What is the Initial Uniform Application Act?

On September 8, 2001 Public Law 2000, Chapter 112 took effect. The law requires that an individual with a developmental disability who maybe eligible for early intervention, Division of Developmental Disabilities or special education services shall make an initial uniform application for the determination of eligibility with the department responsible for providing the services being requested at the time of application.

This initial application will be accepted and used by all departments, as authorized by the applicant consent, for each subsequent request for services.

Will I automatically be eligible for services from all three Departments once I am found eligible for one of the services?

Eligibility for services in one department does not guarantee eligibility for services from another department. With each service requested, the providing department may require additional information related to specific developmental delays and/or mental or physical conditions in order to determine the applicant's eligibility for that particular service.

But although each agency has different criteria for eligibility, the Initial Uniform Application will make the entire process easier because the first agency you contact will forward your application to the other agencies if they have services of interest to you.

What are some of the similarities and differences among the three agencies?

Early Intervention System serves eligible children from birth until age three. This system supports the families in helping their children to learn, play and meet their full potential in natural environments such as the home and integrated community settings. Family participation is voluntary. An Individualized Family Service Plan created for participants includes services needed by the child and family such as specialized instruction, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and family training and counseling.

Special Education Services are available for students with disabilities ages three through 21. Services are provided at no cost to families in accordance with the student's individualized education program (IEP). Services include specialized instruction and related services that are needed for the student to benefit from instruction. Related services may include speech therapy, counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities offers services to eligible individuals of all ages. Its range of programs, supports and services are designed to help meet the care, training, psychological, social, vocational, health and other needs of individuals at varying levels of ability. Services include case management, in and out of home respite, cash subsidy, assistive devices, residential placements, vocational training and employment programs. Many DDD services are provided through contracts with private organizations or individual. Programs and services are available as resources permit.

Where do I call if I have questions about Early Intervention Services?

Contact the County Special Child Health Services Case Management Unit:

Atlantic County: 609/645-7700, Ext. 4358

Bergen County: 201/599-6153

Burlington County: 609/267-1950

Camden County: 856/374-6021

Cape May County: 609/465-1202

Cumberland County: 856/453-2154

Essex County: 973/857-4663

Gloucester County: 856/262-4100, Ext. 4157

Hudson County: 201/915-2514

Hunterdon County: 908/788-6398

Mercer County: 609/730-4152

Middlesex County: 732/745-3100

Monmouth County: 732/224-6950

Morris County: 973/971-4155

Ocean County: 732/341-9700, Ext. 7602

Passaic County: 973/523-6778

Salem County: 856/935-7510, Ext. 8479

Somerset County: 908/725-2366

Sussex County: 973/948-5400, Ext. 62

Union County: 908/889-0950, Ext. 48

Warren County: 908/689-6000, Ext. 258

Where do I call if I have questions about Special Education Services?

Contact your local school district and ask to speak to the child study team office.

List of districts available at

<http://www.state.nj.us/njded/directory/>

Where do I call if I have questions about the Division of Developmental Disabilities?

Contact the Intake Unit of the Community Services Office serving your county:

Morris, Sussex and Warren counties: 1-B
Laurel Drive, Flanders, NJ 07836
973/927-2600

Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties: 100
Hamilton Plaza, 7th Floor, Paterson, NJ 07505
973/977-4004

Union County and Somerset County Intake :
59 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 07052
973/324-2000

Somerset County: 275 Green Brook Road,
Green Brook, NJ 08812
732/968-8100

Essex County: 153 Halsey St., 2nd Floor,
Newark, NJ 07101
973/693-5080

Hunterdon, Mercer and Middlesex counties:
222 S. Warren St., PO Box 700, Trenton, NJ 08625
609/292-4500

Monmouth and Ocean counties: Juniper Plaza,
Suite 1-J, 3499 Rt. 9, Freehold, NJ 07728
732/863-4500

Burlington and Camden counties: 101 Haddon
Ave., Suite 17, Camden, NJ 08103
856/614-3400

Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester counties: 40 North White Horse
Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037
609/561-5070